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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Véronique FERRARI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
Application No.: 09/685,577 ) Examiner: H. Sheikh  
Filed: October 11, 2000 )  
For: COMPOSITIONS IN RIGID FORM )  
STRUCTURED WITH A POLYMER )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-188 are pending in this application.<sup>1</sup> No claims have been amended herein. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for the confirmation that the co-pending and related applications listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 18, 2002, were indeed considered by her.

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<sup>1</sup> Although the Examiner recited that claims 1-45, 47-67, 69-113, and 118-167 are pending at page 2 of the present Office Action, Applicants believe that this is merely an error, as these are the claim numbers of the pending claims in Application No. 09/618,066. Applicants request clarification if Applicants' understanding is not correct.